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**OPINION -****It's NO LONGER A SECRET**

One thing's for sure, Black voters sitting in the church pews do not have to wonder anymore whether Black ministers "sold them out". It is abundantly clear that the accusations of support from Governor Whitman's office during the last election were "right on the money". It's as plain as the nose on your face who these so-called leaders are - most of them are the big churches with T.V. programs and big ideas for themselves, not for the "little folks".

We had better look out for ourselves because no one will be looking out for you or me in this political race. If you are Black or Hispanic, live in the city or suburbs, and care about your family, you better go to the polls on November 4th and vote as if your life depended on it - because it does.

Do you need a ton of bricks to fall on you? The signs are everywhere. Look at the ratio of our joblessness, homelessness, quality of education, number of our young men in jail compared to the national average, and can you still believe that the present administration has our best interest at heart?

Let the Black clergy spit up the political spoils between them but don't let them take away your votes and leave you with nothing.

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## The Best of PERCY



"That's Mr. Fatass, He Still Thinks It's  
New Year's Eve"

## OUR MEDIA WATCH

NEW RELEASE -

### THE RULES FOR SISTAHs

by Denene Millner

"Rules for finding, hooking up with and keeping a good black man..."

Denene Millner, a 28-year-old New York Daily News writer, decided to write an article about the hype that suggests every other brother is a druggie, incarcerated or dog, because personally, she had never had a problem meeting good black men.

She has come up with sister-friendly hints that address the unique strengths and sensitivities of black men. The result is a candid, common-sense guide called "The Sistahs' Rules: Secrets for Meeting, Getting, and Keeping a Good Black Man."

Her focus is on the unfashionable notion that "black men are beautiful and black relationships are possible." The much-cited statistics about black men's problems "make black women assume that when they see a good black man, he must be a player," she says. "Black men assume sisters are going to attack them in that 'Waiting to Exhale' fashion."

Some of her rules are that a woman should cook for a man. She tells women to "shack up" before marriage. I guess some folk would dismiss her book as regressive or manipulative. Check it out for yourself. It's published by William Morrow

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A lifelong Newarker, Garrison organized the Sunshine Club at the Court Towers in Newark, taking residents of the downtown senior citizen building on bus trips, boat rides and vacation trips. She also served as director of the Senior Citizen Program at Scudder Homes, a public housing complex operated by the Newark Housing Authority.

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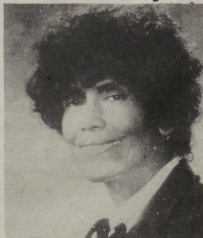
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**Wed. Nov. 12 - Noon-1:30 p.m. David Robinson and the All Stars.** Commerce Food Court, 1136 Raymond Boulevard. Free. Call (973) 242-4599; **Noon-1:30 p.m. Jazz Piano at the Library:** Gloria Coleman Centennial Hall, Newark Public Library. Bring your lunch (complimentary sodas provided). Free. Call (973) 733-7793; 6 p.m. **Skip Roberts.** In-studio concert and live broadcast on WBGO/88.3FM. Studio at WBGO in Newark Free. Call (973) 624-8880; 7:30 p.m. **Shirley Marshall.** Priory Restaurant. Free. Call (973) 242-8012.

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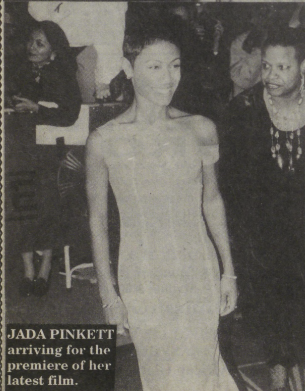
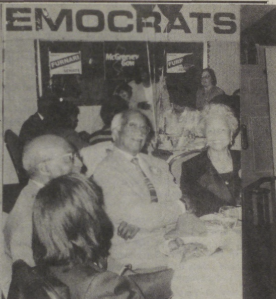
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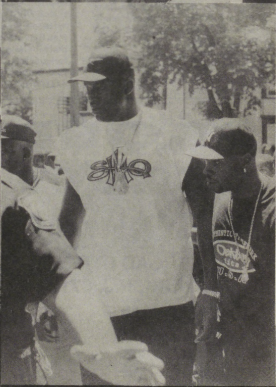
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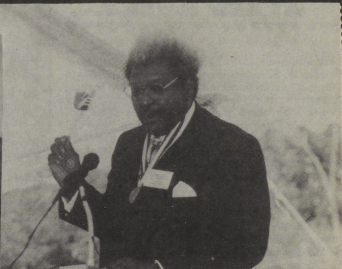


It was a real "Shaq attack" on Muhammad Ali Ave. in Newark, when the great one himself, Shaq O'Neal pressed the flesh with his fans.

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# AFTER HOURS AFTER HOURS...

Congratulations to Phyllis and Jeffery Tillery of Piscataway, NJ on the birth of their son Javon David Tillery. The grandfather is Joseph Byrd, Chief Housing Inspector at the Newark Housing Authority... Tiny Prince, when asked who the chief rappers of his time were, replied Dan Burley of the *Amsterdam News* and famed musician and band leader Cab Calloway, both deceased... Wow! They're still stalking about Alpha Brothers hosting Nights Over Egypt after party celebration at Bogie's Sports Bar, the ladies had to be over twenty-three and the men 25 or older. See photos in center page of this issue... The Johnson Company's specialist Teresa Walker would make a beautiful cover for any publication. She's from Hillsboro, NJ, very smart and intelligent... Hilton Davis, Ron and Linda say the NJ Performing Arts Center is the greatest, they liked the Isley Brothers, Chaka Khan showtime... Special Police Social Club really had a blowout when they honored Sid Pope and his Leo friends. T'was birthday time.... The Pacesetters, Inc. news about one "Irvin Buddy Booker" will be retiring in less than a month. He has been a lawyer, judge and counselor to many families in Essex County... Gladys D. Thomas is a golf pro and played in the Englewood Social Club's 30th Anniversary Golf Tournament, honoring Whitte English at the Pascack Brook Golf Course, Riverdale, NJ. Proceeds went to The United Negro Fund UNCF... Commerce Food Court & La Boulangerie Bakery at Raymond Blvd. and Mulberry Street, it's great and folks are

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streaming into the place, the good is super... Marie Nancy O'Farrel says Mi Bandera of Union City at 518 32nd Street is her secret place for party time, they have Spanish music and dance time... Lloyd J. Oxford is the president of The Black United Fund and he has brought leadership attitudes to the black community about reinvesting in themselves in New Jersey - excellent idea.

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By ADA

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Whoa! Just because the holidays are coming, no need to fling caution to the winds. Moderation is your best friend. Self-control is needed in the coming months.

## TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 22

Your artistic talent is quite an asset, but your lack of originality can limit developing your plans. Find a good partner and you will succeed.

## GEMINI MAY 23-JUNE 21

Talking yourself in and out of situations can do you more harm than good. It's disconcerting to most people. A quick mind should be cherished.

## CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Being the life of the party is great for you. So with the holidays upon us, you will shine. Good time to meet up with a soul mate.

## LEO JULY 23-AUGUST 22

You are valued in the work place. Most of the time the center of attention. Believe that you are desirable, although most love affairs are not all roses.

## VIRGO AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22

Keep order and harmony around you during the next few weeks if you wish to accomplish your goals. You are due

## LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

Responsibility is your best attribute. People count on you. Don't let them down. Carelessness is costly. Pay attention.

## SCORPIO OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21

Your nice guy act hides your real tough and determined self. Sunglasses may hide your eyes but not your intentions. Learn how to really enjoy life.

## SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 22

Use your natural wisdom to do good. You see what others can not. Your frankness is a good thing. Use it wisely.

## CAPRICORNUS DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 20

No one belongs to anyone. Being unhappy because you can't have a person all to yourself is playing a losing game.

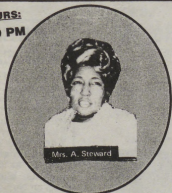
## AQUARIUS JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19

Being resigned to losing or the best man winning, will not get you a mate. If you already have one, show that person a lot more attention.

## PISCES FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20

Your crusty shell is only for protection against your sensitivity. You cannot help feeling the world's pain or joy as if it is your own. If only you could say this in words.

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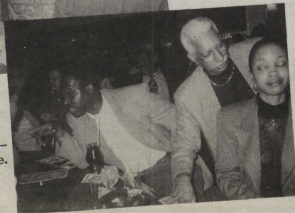
RICHARD CORREY DAILY NEWS

Hey, did you hear the news? The DeNiros are expected any day now. **Grace Hightower** and hubby **Robert DeNiro** shown above.

Ever wonder which plants rule what aspects of life? **Aries** says, "I am." **Libra**, on her scale, says, "I balance." **Taurus** declares, "I have." **Scorpio** plaintively says, "I desire." **Gemini** knows and says, "I think." **Sagittarius** says "I seek." "**Cancer** the crab often says, "I feel." Ambitious **Capricorn** states, "I use." **Leo** the lion says, "I will." **Aquarius** thoughtfully pronounces, "I know." **Virgo** likes to declare, "I analyze." **Pisces** faithfully says, "I believe."



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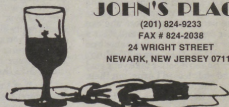
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If you don't believe the Shadow Knows what you are doing, check this out... Last week I passed through the area of South Harrison St. near Central Avenue and I saw a young lady about nineteen getting out of the Buick LaSabre being driven by a man who looked old enough to be her father's grandfather and he slipped her some money. Honey, if you think nobody knows what you are doing, think again. And to that young stud on Lyons Ave. who thinks that making babies is some kind of sport, look out, even Pres. Clinton is looking for you for some child support, because now the mother has to name the baby's father before she can collect her assistance check and if it's a choice for her between your name and her name on the check, you will be hung out to dry. So you'd better take your gold chains and your leased Lexus, put them away and find you a steady job - you are going to need it soon. And by the way Mickey D's is always hiring.

Here's a tip to the young brothers who are stealing cars, before you take somebody's car for your own personal pleasure, go to driving school first and learn how to drive when you are being chased by the police. Every time you are being pursued by the cops, you always end up plowing into a tree, another car or a telephone pole. The Shadow cannot figure out how you think that is fun, and I notice that the men I see in wheelchairs these days are getting younger and younger. So the moral is - if you don't stop stealing four wheels, you'll end up with two wheels and someone pushing you around town, and I have never seen anyone doing doughnuts in a wheelchair.

To the young lady who has the platinum weave and lives on Elizabeth Ave. near Weequahic Park, you know who I'm talking about, the one who loves to wear short skirts? Well, miss, if your skirts get any shorter, you are going to have to have another head of hair to get done, and every time you bend over, your roots show, but maybe you like it like that...

The Shadow has observed that a lot of young men are riding around town in fancy cars day and night with no women. What's the matter, don't you like girls anymore? Is this some sort of new male bonding?...

Everyday when I come off Exit #143 southbound on the parkway, just before Springfield Ave. there is always someone body there with a can begging money

for some preacher, some of them are little children, these dedicated church goers work hard for the good Reverend in all kinds of weather and at the risk of being run over by some fool driving too fast and too messed up to see them in time. The Shadow sees these same people walking to church on Sunday or taking the New Jersey Transit limo, but the preacher drives up to church with his Armani suit and a shiny brand new Mercedes or Caddy. I say if you're going to get out in the street and shake a can, become a partner with Rev. keep half of the money and save up to buy yourself some transportation...

To "Miss, I know I'm fine," who is always seen on the club scene with those extra long fingernails, your hands look like trees with five branches striking out, you look ridiculous. The Shadow would really like to know how you make out when you go to the bathroom for No. #2? I bet when somebody tells you to go scratch your a---, you can say "been there, done that"...

To all of the young brothers whose new address is lock bag, county or state prison - those who can no longer be on the scene, can't go to the clubs, can't see or hold their women or their kids, can't get to the drugs they want, can't watch the T.V. shows they like or go to a movie - get a Dunkin doughnut or Burger King, can't go to the beach or to a family cookout, can't go for a nice afternoon drive in the countryside, can't hang out on the corner with the posse, can't do all or any of the things that you used to take for granted.

To all of you who are locked up as a menace to society, believe me, we feel your pain... and I hope you felt our pain when you robbed us on the street to buy drugs, when you hijacked our cars for a joy ride, when you stole our cars from the parking lots, when you took your guns and did a drive-by shooting, killing and injuring innocent people who had nothing to do with your drug deals that went bad, when you thought that holding a gun in your hand was a license to kill. I hope you felt our pain, and when you get out of the slammer, you will have more respect for human life and the feelings of other people...

The Shadow saw an interesting sight the other day, I saw two boys about 14 years old on a bicycle peddling across the lot of the ShopRite in East Orange - nothing unusual about that, right? Wrong. The passenger on the bike was holding a conversation on a cellular phone. He should have been using that money for a new pair of sneakers, the ones he had on had holes in them...

Well, till next time, don't forget keep alert, look over your shoulder all of the time, because The Shadow is watching you and I will tell it all. (Chaiio)



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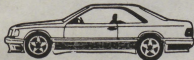
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